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SUBJECT: FY-1976 IV PARTIAL AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 180449

1. FOLLOWING IS ANSWER DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS IN REFERENCE:

2. POST IV COMMITTEE HAD AGREED LAST YEAR TO REQUEST PER DIEM AND INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION FOR FATHER MALIK AFTER ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE MADE. SINCE MALIK TRIP WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PORTPONED POST DID NOT SUBMIT REVISED REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, PROJECT WAS LISTED WITHOUT NAME IN FY'76 CPM SUBMISSION TO CU, P. 5, PROJECT 10.

3. POST FEELS 10 DAYS PER DIEM JUSTIFIED BY DESIRABILITY EXPOSING THIS LEADER IN LEBANESE PRISON REFORM TO AMERICAN EXAMPLES. SINCE HIS 21 DAY TRIP TO CANADA IS AT GOC INVITATION AND EXPENSE, GESTURE OF PAYING AT LEAST PER DIEM FOR PART OF U.S. VISIT WELL WORTH COST.

4. POST HAS OPERATED ON ASSUMPTION THAT IT IS GOOD UTILIZATION OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE PARTIAL GRANTS TO IV CALIBER LEADERS WHO HAVE ARRANGED OWN TRANSPORTATION, RATHER THAN NOMINATING THEM AT SOME LATER DATE FOR FULL IV GRANT. THEREFORE REFTEL'S EXPRESSION OF "PREFERENCE FOR FULL GRANTS OVER PARTIAL ONES" IN CONNECTION WITH IVS GIVES US SOME CONCERN. POST
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WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THIS PREFERENCE APPLIED ONLY

TO STUDENT AND SCHOLAR GRANTS. AS IN LAST YEAR'S
BUDGET, WE HAD AGAIN PLANNED THIS YEAR FOR SIX
FULL AND THREE PARTIAL IG GRANTS, WITH FATHER MALIK
ONE OF PARTIAL GRANTS.
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